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MEMORANDUM

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TO File
FROM Reed W. Neuman *RWN*
SUBJECT Dead Creek (Waggoner): tip from Mr. Phillips of Cahokia

On October 19, 1981, I received a phone call from a Mr. Phillips, a resident of Cahokia (phone: 618/337-5463). He had seen articles about Dead Creek in the Belleville News-Democrat, which articles "put all together" for him certain recollections.

Mr. Phillips said he used to work as a driver for a St. Louis trucking firm (Conservation Chemical). As part of that job, he was frequently in the Metro East area in the late '60's and early '70's. He said he recalls seeing Harold Waggoner & Co. trucks going in and out of the Chemetco facility in Hartford on Route 3. It is his understanding that Chemetco is in the copper reclamation business using an extraction process. He speculated that one likely source of raw material would be electrical transformers, from which PCB's would be generated as a waste. He identified the trucks he saw as being Waggoner's because of their distinctive bright orange color.

Mr. Phillips said he also recalls seeing Waggoner trucks down in the Mississippi River backwater areas off Route 3 on occasion, and offered that they "must have been dumping" down there.

He said he is interested in this matter both as a trucker and as a resident of Cahokia. He declined to say where he works currently. He works from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and can be reached at home after 4:30.

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